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# RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN DRIVE WILL BEGIN SUNDAY DEC. 16

## In The Morning Every Pulpit In The City And County Will Be Filled By Men And Women Accompanied By Soldiers And Nurses Who Will Talk On Red Cross And Urge Enrollment Of Members.

## Mass Meeting At St. Paul To Launch Movement. Every Negro Should Join. If You Are Not For Us You Are Against Us.

Sunday, December 16th, at 3:00 p.m., a mass meeting will be held at St. Paul A. M. E. Church to launch the Red Cross Campaign. All nationalities and all creeds of religion have a chance to express their loyalty in this drive which is very necessary as the enrollment now is that if you are not for us you are against us. We are anxious that the Negroes of St. Louis make a good showing. This mass meeting is arranged to lay our plans and launch the most wonderful campaign for humanity's sake ever before witnessed in this city. Every pastor and his people are expected to come in a body and a big parade is expected from every direction, the pastor leading his flock to take a part in this Red Cross movement. Addresses will be made by prominent speakers of both races.

**Show Your Hand**

Every self-respecting and liberty-loving Negro man and woman should not wait to be called upon but should come forward with a rush and show your loyalty for the sake of the Negro boys at the front. Also remember how the Red Cross of St. Louis came forward so nobly after the E. St. Louis trouble to aid the Negro refugees.

Now is the time, perhaps the only time for the Negro to strike the mighty blow the world's war. Fathers, mothers, sons and daughters are wanted here. This is a time that the nation has asked that all manner of excuses be laid aside and every person make a sacrifice of time to help the city of St. Louis to get her allottment of 500,000 members for the Red Cross, during the one week drive which will begin December 17th, 1917.

**Negroes Go On Record**

What the Negro does in this campaign will go on record. What will you do? The sword of death is pointed at the heart of our nation. Your presence means the turning of that sword in another direction. Shall it be turned? The principals and teachers of the public and parochial schools are urgently asked to come. Sumner High School will render patriotic selections. Fifty soldiers from the Barracks, who will be entertained by the pastor and members of St. Paul on that day will be present at this meeting.

**An Appeal**

On Sunday, December 16th, 1917, Red Cross memberships will be solicited during the day at every church in the city and county. For one week, beginning Monday, December 17th and ending December 24th, a house to house canvass will be made in every precinct for Red Cross memberships both by men and women canvassers and by boy scouts. A special appeal is made to treat these solicitors with kindness and courtesy and render as much help as possible as they are charity workers.

Hon. Henry W. Kiel, Mayor,
Chairman, Ex-Officio.
Mr. Gus Frey,
Chairman Ward Organizations.
Atty. W. R. Hill,
Dr. B. G. Shaw,
Principal.
Frank L. Williams,
Mrs. Victoria Clay-Haley,
Wm. Banks,
Committee.
Dr. W. B. Johnson,
Pastor.

**Headquarters Opened**

The Colored Peoples' Executive Headquarters for the Red Cross Campaign have been opened in the Railway Exchange Building, Room 2173. Any one interested and desiring information call Olive 6840, Station 13.

Mrs. Victoria Clay-Haley,
Secretary Executive Committee.

All subscriptions for Red Cross membership and daily reports from solicitors must be made to Att. W. R. Hill, Chairman, room 2173 Railway Exchange Building.

## Y. M. C. A. TEAMS TO HAVE RE-UNION BIG TIME NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

The never-to-be-forgotten Y. M. C. A. Campaign will be celebrated and lived again on Tuesday night, the 18th, when all of the teams and Captains and Campaign workers and new members meet at Douglas Hotel. The men are planning to see over again those memorable scences and to make all the scenes more real, moving pictures of the Grand Marshaling, the Corner Stone Laying and of the former Team Reunion will be shown upon the screen. The campaign song which was written by Dr. Peck and Mr. Tyler, will be sung again with the oldtime fervor and enthusiasm.

The teams that have been in the race these two years will get together to celebrate the fact that over $25.000 of the amount of money which was pledged to that campaign, has up to this time been paid in, thus putting St. Louis in the lead of all the cities. The new members of the Y. M. C. A. will also be present, so that the affair will doubtless be one of the most enjoyable which has been put on since the closing night of the campaign in 1915.

A number of ladies of the city will be hostesses of the occasion and altogether it looks like a very wonderful and inspiring evening is to be had by the workers and members.

The Board of Managers say that the affair will begin promptly at 8:00 o'clock and therefore request those who are to attend to be on time.

**MAN CONFESSES TO ROBBING H. A. SMITH'S STORE**

Robert E. Heisler, who is being held on charges of being in a plot to rob a merchant at Hermitancum, Mo., has confessed to systematically robbing the store of H. A. Smith at 2343 Market St. Heisler is the man who worked his fall for Smith, in the tailoring department. During the time a large quantity of gent's furnishings and material for suits was missed, but he was never suspected of the thefts. Several of the stolen articles have been located through the confession.

Learn to make war bread at the Y. W. C. A.

## N. A. A. C. P. MEETINGS TO SWELL MEMBERSHIP.

The St. Louis Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People holds its regular monthly meeting Monday, Dec. 19th, at Berea Presbyterian Church, 3015 Pine St., at 8 p.m. This date closes the campaign for 1000 new members. Delegates for the National Conference in New York will be elected. The public is invited to attend.

Rev. J. N. Day, Pres.
C. F. Wilkerson,
Secretary.

**CAPTAINS OF TEAMS**

James Tanter, Team No. 1.
Benj. Brown, Team No. 2.
W. H. Hollman, Team No. 3.
W. O. Shelton, Team No. 4.
E. S. McKinney, Team No. 5
R. N. Owens, Team No. 6.
J. M. Weil, Team No. 7.
Robt. Oliver, Team No. 8.
Mrs. Clyde Patille, Team No. 9.
W. T. Ancell, Team No. 10.
Dr. W. P. Curtis, Team No. 11.

## ST. LOUIS LIEUTENANT PRAISES ARGUS

Lieut. Walter Lowe, 365th Infantry, O. R. C., Camp Grant, Ill., writes: "I anxiously await the coming of the "Argus," to get the news of my people in my town. I get the daily papers, but I get more out of the Argus than all the others combined."

Lieut. Lowe says the temperature was 12 below, at Camp Grant on Dec. 9. He expects to be home with his friends, Christmas.

**WM. HENRY DOBBS VOLUNTEERS**

Wm. Henry Dobbs, who was connected with the Argus in 1912-13, has volunteered with Winchester in the U. S. Army, and has been assigned to the Eighth Illinois Regt. Mr. Dobbs was in Jefferson Barracks recently in the week, but expected to be sent to Texas in a few days.

All enlisted men, white or Colored, from any part of the country, are first sent to Jefferson Barracks, where they are examined, sworn in and uniformed. More than 70,000 have passed through this station since the beginning of the war between the United States and Germany. An average of 200 Colored travelers are going and coming daily.

**ROBT. W. BUCK**

Camp Logan, Houston, Texas is quite a busy place these days. The 8th Illinois Infantry has a fine group of Colored officers are putting the "pep" in the boys. A number of St. Louisans are among them. Lieut. Bass, Sergt. Taylor, Corpls. White, Wilson.

Harry G. Douglas and Robt. W. Buck among the late volunteers are making good and are in line for promotion. Mr. Buck was a member of the Argus force before joining the colors, and we predict that he will make good in his new field of endeavor.

**Lonesome**

Warner M. Perkins, Co. H, 24th Infantry wants the girls to do their bit and write to him. He has asked the aid of the Argus. Address Warner M. Perkins, Co. H, 24th Inf., Columbus, N. Mexico.

## ST. LOUIS WOODMEN FEMALE BAND QUOTA IS FILLING RAPIDLY

Hon. C. M. White, Supreme Commander of the American Woodmen of Denver will arrive in the city Sunday and will announce the Officers of the American Woodmen Female Band. The ladies are taking great interest in the band idea and the quota is almost filled. A few places are left, any one interested, please call Lindell, 2264. C. C. Cade, 1520 Goode Ave.

**NEXT NATIONAL CONVENTION OF NEWSPAPER MAN**

Nashville, Tenn.—President Chris J. Perry and Chairman of the Executive Committee, Jos. L. Jones, of the National Negro Press Association, have just authorized the correspondening secretary, H. A. Boyd, of this city, to issue the call for the 1918 session of the annual convention of newspaper men and members of the allied profession. The dates of the meeting will be February 13, 14, 15 and 16th. It is understood that this year the citizens of Nashville, with the aid of the schools, will entertain the men. These schools decided last February to give one solid afternoon to the newspaper men: Walden University, Fisk University, Roger Williams University, McHarry Medical College and A and I. State Normal are to be on the program. Secretary Boyd declared that arrangements would be made at once to secure the Ryman Auditorium, which is the most commodious convention hall building in the city and that music in addition to that furnished by the schools would be secured. The National Baptist Publishing Board is expected to furnish several numbers on the program. From what Secretary Boyd hands out, it will be a real holiday on the part of the citizens of Nashville in the interest of the coming of the quill pushers from every section of the country.

**ATTENTION!!**

Xmas Decorations for churches, halls, also private families. Holly wreaths at reasonable prices. Send postal card and I will call with samples.

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## JOHN H. STREET MURDERED IN HIS CAR AT KENNETT, MO.

John H. Street, pullman porter, 23a S. Channing, St. Louis, was found dead in his car at Kennett, Mo., Tuesday night. Street's body was found lying in a pool of blood, in the aisle of the car, with a hole in his forehead where he had been shot. No witnesses to the killing have been found. His body was brought back to St. Louis Thursday morning, and is at the funeral parlors of Gates and Manuel. The funeral will be held Sunday at 1:30 from the home. Mr. Street was 26 years old and had been on the "Frisco" run for several years. His car was always cut out at Kennett to wait for the return trip and it is stated that the citizens were always hostile, because no Negroes are allowed there.

Knit for the soldiers at the Y. W. C. A.

## U. S. GOVERNMENT HANGS THIRTEEN NEGRO SOLDIERS

**Men Who Took Part In Houston Riot Are Executed. Forty-one Others Given Life Sentences. Four Get Short Terms and Five Others Acquitted. All of Company U. 24th Reg't.**

Thirteen of the Negroes of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, U. S. A. found guilty of complicity in the riot and mutiny at Houston on August 23, were hanged on the military reservation at Fort Sam Houston at 7:17 Monday morning.

Only army officers and Sheriff John Tobin, of Bexar County were present when the sentence was carried out by soldiers from the post. No newspaper men or civilian spectators were allowed. The time and place of execution having been kept a secret.

Of the 63 men tried by the court-martial, 41 were sentenced to life imprisonment. One man was sentenced to dishonorable discharge from the army, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and to be confined at hard labor for, two and one-half years. Three were sentenced to be dishonorably discharged from the army, forfeit all pay and allowances and be confined at hard labor for two years. Five were acquitted.

"Good-by, boys of Company C," were the last words uttered by the condemned men of the Twenty-fourth United States Infantry as the traps were sprung and they dropped to their death on the scaffold which had been erected the night before. Men of Company C, Nineteenth Infantry, have been guarding the negro prisoners since they were brought to San Antonio to stand trial before a court-martial for complicity in the riot at Houston on August 23rd last.

Without a tremor they stepped out with soldierly tread and, singing a hymn, they walked to their places. Prayers were said by a Negro minister and by two army chaplains, and then the men were ordered to stand on the traps. Knowing their song they stood erect and displayed the greatest fortitude while the ropes were adjusted.

**Men Who Were Executed**

Sergt. William C. Nesbit, Corp. Larson-J. Brown, Corp. James Wheatley, Corp. Charles Moore, Corp. Charles W. Baltimore, Private William Breckenridge, Private Thomas C. Hawkins, Private Carlos Sibley, Private Ira B. Davis, Private James Divins, Private Frank Johnson, Private Risley W. Young, Private Pat MacWhorter.

## REV. J. K. PARKER'S PROGRESS HAS NO CLIMAX.

By R. C. Fisher

The divine philosophy of Dr. J. K. Parker, the progressive pastor of Pleasant Green Baptist Church, is: "Religion must be reasonable; it must agree perfectly with science, but they too will sanction the other." Down to the present day it has been customary for man to accept a thing because it was called religion, even though it were not in accord with human reason. Dr. Parker is distinguishing himself as the foremost preacher in this section of the country by teaching his great flock that they should not follow blindly their ancestors and forefathers; but must see with their own eyes, hear with their own ears and investigate truth, in order that they may find truth.

He positively declares that the economic and race problems as they affect our people will be thoroughly settled when the great war ends. All are equal in the estimation of God; their rights are one and there is no distinction for any soul, says the eminent preacher.

The influence of Dr. Parker's deeds is felt in every community life of St. Louis. He is devoting his time, energy and money unreservedly to lift the moral, spiritual and economic standard of his people. He is a gospel preacher of power and it is said that he has baptized more souls than any pastor in the city; any of the city pastors.

**The following are some of Parker's hot shots of philosophy:**

1—Warner M. Perkins, Co. H, 24th Infantry wants the girls to do their bit and write to him. He has asked the aid of the Argus. Address Warner M. Perkins, Co. H, 24th Inf., Columbus, N. Mexico.

2—Leaning Your Two Things In Mind

3—Teaching how to live is teaching how to die. Loud talking in public shows that you have lost control of your self.

4—To sit on street cars with your knees and feet in the aisles, is inviting trouble.

5—To talk of your domestic affairs in public is a sign that you are losing your mind.

6—To block the side walks when other people want to pass, is not showing common sense.

7—To sit in the house with your feet out the window shows that you have neither mind or brains.

8—To hang around saloons and street corners, in gangs has become an eyesore affair to Heaven above and earth beneath.

9—A Bank Book with a saving account is a good recommendation.

10—A lazy man is always in favor of a strike.

11—You should always take interest in the work of those whom you are working for and your job will last much longer.

12—To stay away from the Church will not keep you from the Judgment Bar, so come and help redeem it and be with the elect of God.

## BOOSTERS ON WAY TO $1,000 FOR THE FUNSTON FUND

**Club in Effort to "Put the Fun in Funston" for the St. Louis boys drafted has met with every encouragement. Raised $732.37 to date. "Midnight Ramble", will be biggest event in Campaign.**

The "Boosters" are hustling for that $1,000.00 and from all indications will be able to report a success at their next meeting which takes place at Key stone Cafe, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16th. From all sources, offers of aid and cash are coming. The Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church, Rev. B. Shaw, pastor, St. James, M. E. Church, Rev. Peck, pastor, are taking up a special collection at their eleven o'clock Saturday morning services for this cause. Committees from the "Boosters" will be at both churches to receive donations.

**Many Performances Are Successful**

The series of matinee performances that have been promoted and directed by Messrs. Reynolds and Robinson, has been one of the main factors in attracting public attention to the aim of the "Boosters." The performers of the different cabarets are to be commended for giving their time and talent to this worthy cause, gratis. They have done their part, and are doing more. At Lausdie's Manhattan Cafe, on Thursday, Dec. 6th, one of the largest crowds greeted the "Boosters" and contributed a total of $31.62. The cabarets represented were, Collins, Keystone, Moody, Sol's, Bogg's, Manhattan were on the bill rendering one of the best bills of the season. On Monday, although one of the coldest days of the winter, Keystone Cafe jammed and jammed, but their mark of collection was reached from cabarets by the sum of $42.69 being contributed.

**Midnight Ramble Talk Of Town**

All St. Louis is talking about the monster benefit midnight ramble that takes place at the Booker Washington Theatre, 12 o'clock, midnight, Saturday, Dec. 15th. This is one of the largest events that St. Louis will be privileged to witness. There will be a trained chorus of 50 voices, moving pictures and 20 acts on the bill. Mr. Chas Turpin has donated all receipts, one of theatre employees and all. Besides he has purchased a block of 200 tickets. The general admission will be 15c. No seats reserved, first come, first served. Come one, come all, help us make this the greatest affair given for any of our soldier boys at Camp Funston. Do this, only this and that $1,000.00 is assured.

In last week's issue of the Argus that Mr. Pittenden-Clark was the largest single contributor, but when the secretary looked over his books found that Mr. John Sengel, 2625 Bernard St., was the largest single donor contributing the first $10.00 to the Boosters fund. Miss Bertha Vernon who asked for a list to help do her bit, so far heads the list among the lady solicitors, turning in the sum of $26.25.

The next article to be final report of the secretary will be given out.

**Miss Bertha Newton—List 17**

Tom Gallagher, C. Lightner, Mrs. Henry Priest; $1.00, W. R. Orthwein, Mrs. W. D. Orthwein, Mrs. Magnus, Miss Maude Edwards, Mrs. J. R. Fleming, Mrs. Reading, A. Feichtinger, D. B. Banks, Miss Vesta Reeved; 50c, Robert Lausaue, Lhala Dalcuer, C. H. Turpin, Bourne Dancer, Mrs. A. E. Compton, Hugo Pruitt, Wallace Williams, Beulah Gray, Clara Mae Noakes, Sam Sheppard, L. Hughes, Mrs. Daughtery, C. G. Alexander, Harry Dore; 25c, Oscar Williams, Walter Porter, Thompson, H. Ruby, M. E. Spotts, Mrs. Jas. Bell, Mrs. Ed. Howard, Lucian C. Simmons, J. A. Thompson, Charles Tipton, Thompson, donator, Mrs. J. C. Banks, Mrs. Gwendolyn, A. Camp; 20c, W. J. King; 15c., Wm. Hinds, Clement Wells, Will Binum; 10c., Brown, Chas. Will Binum; 10c., Brown, Chas. Will Williams, B. J. Harris, Joe Smith, J. H. Richards, Miss Dora, Wilson Robinson, Albert Kane, Henry Pearsons, Madge Johnson, W. Gaines, J. E. Franey, A. Sails; 5c., L. Thompkins, J. E. Dean, W. R. Robinson, Thomas Black.

Total, $26.25

**McKinley Hardeman—List 19**

Phi Sigma Club $24.22; C. F. Tidwell $1.00; 50c., Chas. H. Jackson; 25c., Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. Lucas, Howard, M. Brookfields, W. J. Gentner; 5c., A. Wells, M. Hardeman; 1c., Marie Wimple.

Total, $25.23

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## UNIFORM RANK AMERICAN WOODMEN

Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock Brig. Gen. J. H. Kent, will muster in the first company of the Missouri regiment. This company will consist mainly of men who will later be officers of the regiment.

All members are urged to be at regimental headquarters, corner Lawton and Ewing, on time for muster, Sunday Dec. 16th. It costs nothing to join the Uniform Rank.

C. C. Cade, Supervisor.
J. H. Kent, Brig. Gen. Commanding.

## BOND FOR DOCTOR LEROY N. BUNDY, FIXED AT $24,000

**East St. Louis Dentist Expects To Be Released Before End Of This Week. Bondsman Must Qualify For Double The Amount. Change Of Venue Has Been Given To Monroe County Court**

Leroy N. Bundy, dentist of East St. Louis, charged with murder conspiracy and rioting in connection with the East St. Louis race riots, will be released on bond if he can get a bondsman who can qualify for $48,000.

Circuit Judge Crow issued an order today fixing his bond at $10,000 on each of the two charges of murder against him and $2,000 each on the conspiracy and rioting charges making $24,000 in all, but under the Illinois law a bondsman must qualify for twice the amount of the bond.

Bundy is charged with the murder of Detective Sergeant Coppidge and Detective Wedley. The bonds are to be returnable to the March term of the Monroe County Circuit Court, to which Bundy has been given a change of venue.

**Twenty Sentenced**

Twenty persons have been sentenced in the cases growing out of the East St. Louis riot, of July 2. Seventeen men, including two Negroes have been sent to the Chester Penitentiary, three are under sentence; 16 have been sent to jail; 10 dismissed by the state and three acquitted by the jury. This is considered a new record in prompt justice.

## THE BIG INDOOR CIRCUS EVENT.

Never before has the gymnasium of Wheatley-Pitman A. M. E. Church seen so beautiful a spectacle as it did last Saturday evening, when, despite the zero weather, several hundred children, in gala procession, rhythmic step and song, delighted a large audience of parents and friends.

A great outburst of patriotism was evidenced when a large group of seventh and eighth grade girls clad in immaculate white, with red tips and blue ribbons, gave the opening chorus, "Star Spangled Banner," and saluted the large flag that was raised in the front of the gymnasium. And of this was repeated when the half hundred little folks from the Delancey School marched in single file, drill in perfect rhythm while the Delancey School Band discoursed patriotic airs.

Interesting groups from the several grades followed with each other in carrying off the honors of the evening's big circus stunts.

The Kindergarten, the little vil lagers from the Cottage Ave., School followed a military drill of boys of the Lincoln School in a stand drill stunt from the Cottage Ave.

The L'Ouverture rainbow stunt was received with applause and was followed by the Dutch drill. Dutch folks from the Simmons, who executed with perfect ease and grace.

The Wheels Girls transformed the stage into a veritable Hawaiian tinsel ty garden of wonderful mirth and beauty.

The Autumn dance was reproduced by the Cottage Ave. Rainbow.

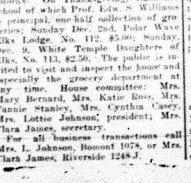
The ballet stunt which challenged admiration and delight of all, was contributed by Sumner High School girls.

Choons and jumping jacks added to the circus program.

The after circus concert was furnished by the Dumas School group, who artistically rendered, "Mother Goose's Dream."

The Wheatley Branch Social Committee is jubilant over the success of the affair and extends hearty thanks to all the contributors to the program and patrons.

## OLD FOLKS' HOME



**CARD OF THANKS**

The Board of managers of the Old Folks Home, 9800 Lagoon St., wish to especially thank those who donated as follows: On Thanksgiving, Bannker school of which Prof. John S. Williams is principal, one half collection of grip series; Sunday Dec. 2nd, Polar Wave Elks Lodge, No. 112, $5.00; Sunday, Dec. 9, White Temple Daughters of Ruth, No. 113, $2.50. The public is invited to visit and inspect the home and especially the grocery department at any time. House committee: Mrs. Mary Bernard, Mrs. Katie Rose, Mrs. Fannie Stanley, Mrs. Cynthia Casey, principal, one half collection; Mrs. Clara James, secretary.

For all business transactions call Mrs. L. Johnson, Bonsmel 1078, or Mrs. Clara James, Riverside 1248 J.

## MIDNIGHT RAMBLE FOR FUNSTON FUND SATURDAY NIGHT

**Show at the Booker Washington Theatre will be Biggest Benefit Ever Given Here. Will Start at Midnight. Twenty acts on the Bill. Several Hundred Tickets already Sold. Admission only Fifteen Cents.**

All arrangements have been made for the biggest benefit show ever given in St. Louis and it is expected that the "Midnight Ramble," at the Booker Washington Theatre, Saturday night will draw the largest audience ever assembled for an occasion of the kind. The show will be given under the auspices of the Boosters Club, which is raising funds to buy Xmas presents for the Colored drafted men from St. Louis, now at Camp Funston. Mr. Charles Turpin has donated the theatre, orchestra, help and current week's show for the event. The performers and attaches have purchased 300 tickets, all of which have been sold. Musicians throughout the city, all cabaret entertainers and many others will take part in the program. The show will start at 12, midnight, and will be nearly three hours in length. The admission will only be 15 cents to all parts of the house. The entertainment will open with moving pictures and an orchestral concert. This will be followed by the following program:

Overture by Augmented Orchestra, Individual Acts—Volunteers, unattached.

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Eloise Johnson
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Individual Acts—B. W. Performers.
Flash Light Photograph of the audience. Every one will be present ed with an American flag.
Grand Chorus of 50 voices.
"The Spirit of '76."
Grand Finale—"America." In which all in the house are requested to rise and sing.

There will be at least twenty big acts and every one should stay to see the whole show as it will be the biggest climax. The choruses, under the direction of Tom Turpin; the orchestra under the leadership of several entertainers under Reynolds and Robinson have held several rehearsals during the week. A large army of persons have taken tickets to enjoy the afternoon returnable, each seller volunteers to dispense of a certain number. Tickets will also be sold at the box office. The doors will open at 11:30 p.m.

**Auto Co., Donates Service**

The Richard W. Kent Auto Service Co., will have a fleet of autos at the theatre to take patrons to their homes after the show. Mr. Kent has volunteered to donate all revenue from the rental of the cars, to the Boosters' fund.

## JUBILEE SONGS FOR SOLDIERS

Columbus, Ohio.—Patriotism reached its zenith here in a meeting held at the Second Baptist Church when the women of the Benevolent Mission Society, an organization belonging to the National Baptist Church, decided boys in the U. S. Army should have placed at their disposal a copy of the National Jubilee Melodies. "We want the boys in khaki to have the songs their parents, which is the only real American music. We want, while they are fighting for the liberty of various foreign lands, that they shall sing jubilee melodies; thinking of their God in their own country," declared the president of this organization in an enthusiastic speech delivered by Rev. R. H. Boyd, D.D., Secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board, through whose agent effort Jubilee Melodies were sent to music and put at the disposal of the Columbus branch.

Dr. Boyd has just declared in an address that the Negro should make the same enviable record in this war for Democracy that he did in every war of the world's history. The Benevolent Society of this church placed the first order for a number of these books to be bound in khaki with the United States flag printed upon the back of each book. Other church will back up this movement," declared Rev. Elkert W. Moore, D.D., the pastor of the church. They have sent their order forward to the Publishing Board at Nashville, and the books will be made up at once and placed in the hands of the soldiers.

**NOTICE**

Watch for programs of a monster mass meeting at one of the leading A. M. E. Churches in honor of Rev. B. W. Stewart, the old veteran of African Methodism in Missouri in next week's edition.

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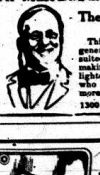

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**EDMOND KOELN,**

Collector of the Revenue

# OUT OF TOWN NEWS

### MACON, MO.

By Madge B. Clark

Mrs. Matilda Renfro, of Salt Lake City, Utah, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Ida Ancell, this week...Miss Mable Smith and Mr. Alfred Oliver were married Monday, December 3, at the home of Rev. S. Embree, who officiated. We wish for them a happy life. They are at home to their friends at the beautiful home of Mr. Oliver in the north end of the city...Mrs. Josie Johnson is convalescent...Mrs. Lillian Dudley, of Hevier, Mr. and Mrs. Hallie Cobbs were in the city Tuesday... Mr. W. M. Grant, who has been very ill is improving...Mr. Keilly returned from Fort Riley Saturday night...News has reached this city of the marriage of Miss Georgiella Taylor, of Canton, Mo., to Mr. Raymond Houston of this city which took place at Quincy, Ill... Miss Nellie Gorham, of College Mound, Mo., and Mrs. Ida Ancell of this city were Moberly visitors Saturday... Don't forget "The Face at the Window" at the Bethel A. M. E. church December 14th...Quite a number of young ladies are remembering the boys at Camp Funston by sending them boxes...Quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church Sunday, December 23, and the presiding elder, M. S. Bryant, will be present...The turkey supper given at the Baptist church by Miss Carrie Oliver was quite a success, for which she deserves much credit...Mr. Quay Herndon, a student of Western college, is visiting relatives at Marceline, Mo. ...Mr. James Guy, of Fort Dodge, Ia., was called here Saturday on account of the death of his sister, Mrs. Sarah Williams...Thanksgiving at the Bethel A. M. E. church deserves special mention. The entertainment was under the leadership of Mr. W. M. Grant and Mrs. E. J. Hubbard and they cleared $100.00 which was turned over to the trustees...The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Williams, who died December 7th, was held at Bethel church Sunday, December 15, Rev. J. W. Underwood, pastor, officiating...We are sorry to hear of the death of Rev. J. Frank McDonald, formerly of this city, and presiding elder of this district, but now of Kansas City, Mo.

### CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.

By Miss H. N. Jones

Mr. David Gibony, an ex-slave, died last Monday at the age of 86 years and the funeral was conducted at the A. M. E. church wednesday by the pastor, Rev. Smith...Misses Oneata Parks and Beatrice Williams returned home Thursday from Carrutherville, Mo., where they spent Thanksgiving with Miss Effie Piggee...Miss K. D. Townsend spent Thanksgiving at Bonne Terre...On account of the twelve-inch snow and the storm which raged so violently, the baby show which was scheduled for Friday was postponed until Monday...Sunday services were greatly impaired by the extreme cold weather and about half the usual number was present...Rev. M. S. Smith has received the sad intelligence of the serious illness of his brother of Dyersburg, Tennessee...Several Sunday schools are preparing for the usual Christmas entertainments while some have pledged themselves to abstain from giving Christmas gifts, feasting and excessive pleasure, but to work with the Red Cross, and assist in making Christmas pleasant for our soldiers.

### FARMINGTON, MO.

By Dayne F. Baker

Rev. H. Overton, of Okete, preached an excellent sermon at A. M. E. church, Sunday...Rev. Greenlee preached at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon. Dr. Rivers conducted quarterly meeting...Edith C. Sayce, of Mineral Point, is at the bedside of her mother, who has been very ill...Little Miss Vee Overmore is visiting at Detroit, Mich...Mr. Ferris Douthit, of Coffman, was the guest of Mrs. T. Burns, Sunday...Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Luke's Chapel, Sunday in the afternoon, and the sacramental sermon will be preached by Rev. J. H. McCallister...Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Cayce entertained Saturday in honor of their daughter Parnelia's eighth birthday... Miss Florence Taylor is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chappelle at Coffman, Mo...Mrs. Jane Hunt was a business visitor at Fredericktown last week... Mrs. Mayme Foulk has returned to Champaign...Mrs. Felix Poston has returned from an extended visit in St. Louis. Christmas is ten days off. You could not give your friend a better present than the Argus for a year. Husband, present it to your wife; young man, present it to your lady friends.

### CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

By E. L. Breedlove.

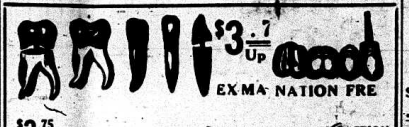
A grand musical play entitled "Phoebe Etta Brown" will be given at the North Emperial Hall on North Walnut St. Wednesday, December 19, by the Court of Calanthe. A pleasing comedy, a laugh from start to finish and also a scene in Egypt. These people have worked hard to give you something that is worth while, so let's turn out in large numbers and show them that we appreciate the efforts of our people...Read the Argus, for sale at Breedlove's news company, 53 East Columbia Avenue.

### POPLAR BLUFF, MO.

Mrs. Carrie Pryor, of Memphis, Tenn., was here on business last week, ...Grandma Powell is very ill at her home in East Poplar Bluff...A young man was picked up Monday north of here by the south bound passenger train. He was brought to the city in a serious condition owing to the severe cold weather, and medical aid was summoned immediately....Mrs. Emma Phillips remains very ill...Mother Hamlin, of Alice St., fell from her door step and received slight injuries... I am sure the soldiers at the camps would enjoy reading the news of their home town, why not send a number of copies along with your Christmas presents?...Mr. Horace James was found late Monday, nearly frozen to death... Mrs. Artie Carter received a letter from her son, Clarence Carter, who is at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., and he states he is receiving all the hospitality that a soldier can expect, including good food and amusements and three days off each week, but he longs for some of mamma's good old cake and fruit, which will be sent soon...Rev. J. H. North returned from Kansas City Tuesday accompanied by his wife... Rev. A. B. Fields preached at C. M. E. church in the absence of the pastor...Mrs. A. B. Carey returned home Tuesday from St. Louis after a pleasant visit.

### SWEET POTATOES INSTEAD OF BREAD

Tuskegee, Ala., December 8.—The bakery at the Tuskegee Institute has been successfully experimenting with sweet potatoes as a partial substitute in making bread. This bread is composed of approximately two parts white flour and one part boiled, mashed sweet potatoes. The result of the use of this combination has been the saving of about 200 pounds of flour each day and there is no very apparent difference between this bread and the bread which is made wholly of wheat flour. The potato bread will be used exclusively at the Institute as a part of Tuskegee's program of war economy. A booklet describing somewhat in detail this experiment with sweet potatoes has been prepared at the Institute.

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# CHURCHES

### MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
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Despite the frigid weather which prevailed last Sunday, a goodly number braved its inclemency and were richly rewarded. The pastor extolled soldiers that are under orders and prove their worth despite conditions or inclination. The slackers will not be drafted into God's army; volunteers only are in demand. The pastor's morning oratory was beneficial and uplifting. At night the gist of his subject was "Recompense," which was food to the hungry and balm for the world-weary. After this notable sermon the church held communion. On next Sunday night Rev. Shields, of East St. Louis, has a special sermon he will deliver to us. Please fill your seats early.

Rev. D. W. Morris, Pastor.

### ST. JAMES CHURCH

Although it took men and women of valor to brave the raging storm and intense cold that gripped St. Louis last Sunday, each service was well attended, and quarterly meeting was a success.

Presiding Elder Thurman was equal to the occasion and preached three practical sermons. The Executive Board of the Senior League held its regular monthly meeting at the church Thursday evening.

After the transaction of the business a very pleasant social hour was spent. The Lookout committee served refreshments. The chairman of the committee, Miss Dora Jackson, has been quite ill, but is now convalescent. St. James is making extensive preparations for their Christmas festivities. At five o'clock in the morning the pastor will preach his Christmas sermon and give his Christmas greeting to the worshippers.

The Sunday school is preparing to give a cantata December 26.

Dr. Peck will fill the pulpit next Sunday morning. You are cordially invited to attend all the services.

### AT McPHETERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Considerable interest is being manifested by the campaign workers of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in their efforts to increase the numerical strength of that organization. Enthusiastic meetings addressed by prominent speakers have been held at the evarious churches with favorable results. Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m., the team of which Attorney Robert N. Ozora is captain, will conduct a meeting at McPheters Presbyterian church, Cote Brilliante and Goode Ave., when a special drive will be made for new members.

### METROPOLITAN A. M. E. ZION CHURCH

Monday night at 8 o'clock there will be a meeting at Metropolitan African church under the auspices of the N. A. A. C. P. in interest of the campaign that is on for the recruiting of new members into that organization. A splendid literary program is promised. Metropolitan choir will render choice music.

### B. Y. P. U. WORKERS

The meetings at Antioch B. Y. P. U. are becoming more interesting each Sunday. Our meeting Sunday, December 9th, was well attended by both juniors and seniors despite the severe weather. The topic, "Here am I Send Me," was conducted by Sister Anna B. Brown, leader, of Young No. 1 and was ably discussed. Our president, Sister J. E. Anglin, is surely the right one for the place. She is an inspiration to all the members young and old. We will give a parlor drama and musical concert Thursday, December 20th, at the residence of Sister Bettie Reed, our efficient secretary, 4406 Cottage Avenue. The Christmas spirit will prevail on this occasion and Sister Addie McClenny, our social committee chairman, promises a delightful time to all present.

### DR. JOHN W. DAY WILL SPEAK AT TABERNACLE CHURCH

Dr. John W. Day, pastor of the Church of the Messiah, and president of the local branch of the N. A. A. C. P., will be heard in all of his pulpit day night at Tabernacle Baptist church of which Dr. S. A. Moseley is pastor. The object of the meeting is to increase the membership of the N. A. A. C. P.

### LANE TABERNACLE

"At her feet he fell." This was the subject used by Rev. Mrs. Mack Sunday morning at Lane Tabernacle in a special sermon to the ladies in the absence of the pastor, who was called to Union City, Tenn. Mrs. Mack spoke from the 4th chapter of Judges, Sisera, the wicked warrior, who so oppressed the children of Israel. She took the character portrayal to the congregation. Deborah, the woman prophet, who was responsible for Sisera's defeat, was mentioned. Mrs. Mack spoke as the true type of woman. Another prominent character was Joel, the slayer of Sisera, who was also a woman. Women are taking their places in the world today as never before, declared the speaker. What we need is more manhood to help us. Rev. Mack upbraided the women for going to market on Sunday, and said this habit could be eliminated with a little effort. Despite the inclement weather the church was well filled, with the ladies in majority. Rev. Smith will preach at both services Sunday. Monday evening the Ushers Board will give a concert, with little Miss Retha Johnson as mistress of ceremonies.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

It was the beautiful program rendered that made the reception Monday evening a decided success. Perhaps Dr. Bracy in his Dunbar recital brought more laughs from the audience than any other participants. Miss Ethel Copeland's dialect was also fine. Mrs. Taylor, of Antioch, was a great favorite with the audience in a beautiful solo. Superintendent Ross said he was not in possession of words to express his gratitude for the love the members had shown. The entire program will be encored at an early date. The Sunbeam club will hold their Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. Ella Carr, 4118 Fairfax, Thursday evening, December 20th, when the Christmas tree ring fair will be opened. "Beautiful Land of Somewhere," the duet rendered by Misses Annabell Wimberly and Grace Scott, was very capably by Miss Frances Howell presided at the piano.

### Y. M. C. A. BIBLE CLASS

Father D. R. Clark, rector of All Saints Episcopal Church, is the teacher of the men's class in Bible study that is conducted in the assembly room of the Y. M. C. A. building every Wednesday night from 7 to 8 o'clock. The young men of the city are urged to accept this offer to familiarize themselves with the valuable teachings of the Bible. All are welcome. Instructions free.

### ST. PAUL A. M. E. CHURCH

Through floods and fame, where Jesus leads I will follow, was delivered and rendered Sunday morning at St. Paul. Even though the snow was heavy and the mercury had suddenly dropped to zero the true and tried braved the weather and were found in their places. Dr. Johnson varied not at all from his usual manner of preaching even though the audience was small and all present were made to feel it was good for us to have been there. Sunday night another faithful band came and once more were held in the lecture room.

Sunday, Dec. 16, 50 U. S. soldiers from the Jefferson Barracks will be the guests of St. Paul. At 11 a.m. Dr. Johnson will preach a special sermon. Dinner will be served by the Ladies' Aid Service by the A. C. E. League and at 3 p.m. Patriotic Program. The public is invited to worship with us Sunday all day.

### SEVEN CHURCH UNION

The Seven Church Baptist Union met with Pilgrim Baptist Church. Speaker of the hour was Rev. L. R. Chaney. Text found in third chapter of John, subject "How can these things be?" Next meeting will be with Magdalene Baptist Church of which Rev. Wm. Taylor, pastor, 3430 Market St. Speaker of the hour Rev. Clemmons. Collection $6.50. We desire the presence of all pastors at the next meeting. Rev. J. W. Hall, president; L. E. Molton, clerk.

### WAYMAN A. M. E. CHURCH

In spite of the cold and snow a large crowd was present at Wayman A. M. E. Church to hear the pastor Rev. Dobbins, preach at 11 a.m. from Rev. 2:17. At 8:30 he preached an excellent sermon from Matt. 10:26. Special music by the church. The church is still progressing. Services as usual next Sunday. All strangers welcome. Corner 23rd and Wash Sts.

### MAGNETIC HEALER

Mr. Theodore Burtschi, of 3016 and 3018 Locust St., who is the President of the International Educational Supply Company, has been in bed for a year but still he has office at 503 Central National Bank Building and at the present he is a soap and toilet article canvasser.

I have found out through my own experience that he is a wonderful, exceptional fine magnetic healer. Together with very powerful force in treating patients in suffering pains, such as neuralgia, rheumatism, and all suffering of nervous nature. He does not curse diseases or claim that he can cure any sickness permanently, but can diagnose any disease as good as any specialist, and in fact, can give the best medical advice for home treatment, and if a physician is wanted.

He has treated a great number of cases among our people and in fact each case has been successful. My wife's daughter, Virgie Scott, lives at 2042 Lawton Avenue, who was suffering with a neuralgia stroke her pains were so great all through her arm, her lower limbs, in no longer that she was speechless and suffered the greatest agony. Mr. Burtchi was called in and he worked on my daughter fully three hours and in fact relieved her from all suffering and her limbs became perfectly elastic; she was cold as ice all over and her hands feeling was gone. His magnetic power and force revived her wonderfully. He has treated a number of my friends' cases and has cured them. All his treatments are absolutely free and he has called on the poorest and neediest families in the city. Any sufferer by writing him, in his toilet articles, as he wants to leave the city. He is a wonderful man and willing to treat all his patients absolutely free.

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I could substain a great number where he has done wonderful good.

Lenora Bright.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

The second quarterly institute of the Antioch District B. Y. P. U. Convention will convene with Mt. Olive Baptist church, 1629 No. 12th St., Rev. D. W. Morris, pastor, Sunday, December 16th, 2:30 p. m. A special Christmas program has been arranged. This being our last meeting in the old year we especially urge a full attendance of all unions in the district.

Mrs. Eva G. Bolden, Pres.
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# Faith by Hearing

By REV. W. W. KETCHUM
Director of Practical Work Course, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

TEXT—So then faith cometh by hearing, hearing by the Word of God.—Romans 10:7.

Faith is often spoken of as if it were the acceptance as true of something which we know nothing about. Something which it is true or not. Such, however, is not the faith the Bible demands of us: It does not ask us to assent to any proposition as true without giving sufficient evidence to support it. Take, for instance, any fundamental fact of the Gospel and you will see that this is the case. Paul, in the fifteenth of First Corinthians, in speaking of the resurrection of Christ, gives abundant evidence to support the fact of his resurrection, and on the ground of the evidence submitted that Christ is risen, he asks us to believe in the resurrection.

It is a popular notion that faith is a leap in the dark, but real faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is based upon good, substantial evidence. In fact, in order for one to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, there must be something to believe concerning him; otherwise it would not be possible to believe in him. Faith in Christ reaches him through our faith in the facts concerning him. It is for that reason, that the Gospel is spoken of as "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." Of course, we know that Christ is the Savior, yet the Gospel is rightly spoken of in this way, because it is by believing the Gospel which tells us that Christ saves and how he saves, that we in thus believing commit ourselves to him as our Savior.

**Faith Based on Evidence.**

Now Paul knew that real faith is based upon evidence, and that it is not simply by urging people to believe in Christ that faith is begotten, so we read of his persuading the folks who came to him concerning Jesus of Christ (Acts 28:23). This should be a lesson to us who, perhaps more frequently than we ought, depend upon exhortation to lead people to faith in Christ rather than upon evidence which calls forth faith. People should be exhorted, but they should also be persuaded.

When it speaks of Paul persuading them concerning Jesus, it does not mean that he pitied them in their need and will against theirs, and by sheer force tried to make them believe in Jesus. What he did, as we know, was to present evidence for their faith to rest upon. He did this by expounding to them "out of the law of Moses and out of the prophets." That is, he went to the Old Testament Scriptures and therefrom produced evidence concerning Christ's person and work. As a result we read, "some believed the things which were spoken and some believed not" (Acts 28:24). Thus it always is when the evidence concerning Christ is presented, for though the evidence be sufficient, some will not have Christ to reign over them.

**A Case in Point.**

Quite recently, I dealt with one who professes to be an infidel, and whether of not he really is one, he was most blatant and blasphemous in his talk. When I pressed him that honesty demanded that he fairly weigh the evidence as to Christ in my text, he was unwilling to do so and tried to laugh the matter, as it were, out of court. He called "the whole business," as he said, "a myth," and yet I venture to say that he never with a real desire to know the truth had put himself in the way of evidence by which real faith comes. I do not mean that he had not read the Bible. I suppose he had, but I presume he read it under the blighting criticism of a Thomas Paine or a Robert Ingersoll. Who would believe even his own good and true mother if he always looked at her through eyes of such bitter enemies as they and their ilk are of the Scriptures? Or, who would ever trust himself to his mother, if he always came to her in the spirit of criticism to find her faults and never to discover her virtues? If a man desires faith, there is a way to get it. It is a divine way that never fails the one who honestly desires to know the Lord. It is to put himself in the way of faith, and just as surely as one does, providing he is willing and ready to believe, faith will come to him as the gift of God.

My infidel friend whom I tried to get honestly to put himself in the way of faith would not do it, simply because he did not want to believe. When I pressed him further, I found he had settled the matter in early Youth. He had turned Christ down in a revival meeting, which he attended as a boy, and now in maturer years he is trying to comfort himself with the false hope that Christ is a myth.

There is a time, we know not when;
A place, we know not where;
That seals the destiny of man
For glory or despair.

If you desire to believe in Christ, remember that faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

# How to Adorn The Church For The Holiday

CHURCH decoration should be started at least a week before Christmas. Better be early and do the work deliberately rather than leave it and rush and slight the undertaking at the last moment.

Have decorations light and use color sufficient to make them cheerful. Work in plenty of red and white.

Everlasting flowers are good for the purpose. Bunches of immortelles can be broken up, wired into small bunches and used in various ways. These can be had in white, red, yellow and other colors.

Work color into the garlands at proper intervals to relieve the somber effect of the heavy dark green wreathing. Pampas plumes are excellent where they can be used away from gas-lights or danger of fire.

Holly branches are most useful and appropriate. Laurel, boxwood, wild smilax, branches of evergreen trees and tissue paper wreaths, bells and garlands all work in together effectively where a little taste and judgment are used in the arrangement.

Buy material without delay as dealers usually sell out completely before Christmas.

Letters for mottoes can be cut from gold, silver or colored paper or sheet wadding.

For covering mantels in the home evergreen boughs, wild smilax and holly are generally used; also for stair railings. Ground pine garlands are used for festooning around the walls and ceiling, over doors, stair rails, etc.

Outside decorations may consist of garlands over the front door, wreaths on the door and on the gateposts at the entrance to the yard.

In plants the Norfolk Island pine, araucaria, palms, large ferns, aspidistra, bay and box plants in tub are useful where they can be had. Churches oftentimes are able to borrow some of these from members. Where this is done arrangements should be made to keep the building sufficiently warm all the time the plants are in the church to prevent damage. Plants well wrapped in paper will carry quite a distance without injury in very cold weather. A closed car is used by florists for cold weather plant deliveries.—New York Sun.

### The Wondrous Season.

Christmas—the same old story,
Sweet with its sweet old way;
The gifts and the songs and glory,
The spirit of youth and play.
Christmas—the piled Stanza,
The tree with its magic light,
The stars and the drums and trumpets,
The toys and the tinsel bright.

Christmas—no change forever;
The letters to good old Kris,
The arms of the little children
And the lips that are sweet to kiss.
Christmas—the changeless beauty,
Old, and still so young
With its glory of childhood spirit
And its tales of the fairy tongue.

Christmas—the streets to show it,
The shops with their brilliant sight;
The windows of charm to glow it,
The festive and magic light.
Christmas—and still appealing
With its utter glory to men
As ever they gray hearts stealing
Their boyhood cones again.

Christmas—the same old blessing,
The holy and lovely spell
Of tenderest trust and confessing,
The glory of all things well.
Christmas—the wondrous reason,
The truth in its joy today
As it was in the vanished visions
Of the childhoods far away.
—Baltimore Sun.

# Mr. Santa Claus Man

*MR. SANTA CLAUS MAN, won't you please tell me why*
*You come with your reindeer out of the sky?*
*Do you get from the stars those bright, shiny toys That you bring us down here if we're good little boys?*
*Mr. Santa Claus Man, won't you please tell me why You don't fall straight down when you come from the sky?*
*Do the clouds hold you up or does old Mr. Sun Watch over your sleigh till your journey is done?*
*Mr. Santa Claus Man, aren't you ever afraid Your sleigh won't hold all the toys you have made?*
*And aren't you afraid you'll let some of them fall, Perhaps may never find or my sister's new doll?*
*Mr. Santa Claus Man, do the birds ever fly As far up as you live up in the sky?*
*And are you great friends with the man in the moon?*
*Does he ride in your sleigh or isn't there room?*
*Oh, please, Mr. Santa Claus Man, let me know About all these things that have puzzled me so.*
*Can't you manage it, somehow, my mind to relieve, When you come down our chimney on next Christ mas eve?*
—*Pittsburgh Press.*

# Hang Up a Jar Instead of A Stocking

NO LITTLE Mexican boy or girl ever thinks of hanging up a stocking. They have something far more interesting. Three or four days before Christmas stands spring up about the alameda, or open park, without which no Mexican village is complete. All about these shops are hung the piñatas, which take the place of Christmas stockings. These are apparently great dolls 2 or 3 feet tall, dressed in tissue paper, with papier mache faces and dangling legs and arms. In reality their flowing paper garments conceal earthen jars for the holding of candies.

Sometimes the piñatas are in the form of angels or fairies, but usually they represent some person prominent in Mexico. President and Mrs. Diaz used to smile from every stand. The Mexican child may live in a hut built of flat stones piled together in a public lot, but he has his piñata at Christmas time.

In the better homes the piñatas are strung on a rope across a room. They are already heavy with their load of dulces, or candies, and they dangle somewhat dangerously over the heads of the bobbing, laughing crowd. Each man is blindfolded, given a stout cane and turned round and round. Leaping up, he strikes at the suspended figures. Amid shrieks of laughter and directions he keeps striking until he hits one of the jars. "Crack!" go its sides, and, being made only of baked clay, they crumble away and the sweets come pouring out. Nobody is too dignified to scramble for them. The older people are on their knees with the children. Everybody gets at least a mouthful. Then another is blindfolded, turned about and has a stroke for another sugary deluge.—L. Crozer in McCall's Magazine.

# What Others Like to Eat at Christmastide

SPAIN loves her turkeys. Nor does she find it necessary to run them to death on the farms in order to make their meat tender, for the fowls are driven into town from long distances, and their feet are tarred to withstand the hardness of the roads. For three days before Noche Buena the streets of the seaports of Spain are thick with squawking poultry and bleating lambs and kids that are destined for the slaughter.

Cuba fattens up her turkeys on walnuts to make their flesh more toothsome. Mexico grinds the cooked turkey to a paste, which is mixed with chili, raisins, currants, wine and a few other ingredients into what is called mole de guajolote. France, too, although she shows her partiality for turkeys by cramming them with truffles, coquettes with her Christmas menu. One who throws her scarf to blood red sausage, fat and juicy; now to stewed hare with unfermented wine; again to pheasants, to hazen hens, to heath cocks.

Britain's home cured ham gives savor to the rye bread and to the chocolate porridge, especially dedicated to Noel. In Cuba baked hams, previously [illegible] are well smeared, vie for favor with a Spanish piece de resistance called "Mors and Christmas," in reminiscence of a page in Spanish history, and made of black beans and rice.

In southern Italy eels, curled round with tall in mouth, defy time on the Christmas board by the emblem of eternity. In the smaller Italian cities on the day before Christmas the air is shrill and cries of kids being brought to market in panniers swung from donkey backs. Chickens, pigeons, tripe, boiling hot, are other dainties prepared for the season, as well as turkeys, geese and calf's head.

German and Scandinavian countries are noted for the bounty of their Christmas cheer. In both neighborhoods the duties are spread from Christmas to Epiphany. England, too, offers wide and varied hospitality. In Warwickshire, for instance, they serve roast cock apples with chine of pork and elder wine. Yorkshire has its frumenty, its Yule cakes and plum pudding. Scotland boasts one dish all her own—haddock, cured and cut [illegible] Chicago Tribune.

### Not Until "Next Christmas."

It was said the other day by an old southerner in Washington that no home loving Virginian ever would move until after the next Christmas. The next Christmas comes and goes, but there is still another to come, and the moving is put off and happily will be put off until the holiday spirit has gone from the South, a spirit that will go when the South goes.—New York Evening Post.

# Christmas Gifts From The Woods

THE paper birch is an especial treasure, but we never cut the bark from a living tree, even when deep in the woods, unless we know that the wood is doomed to be cut at once. Too many ignorant or thoughtless people do not hesitate to strip the beautiful papery bark from the living tree, not realizing probably that the bark is needed to protect the running of the sap and that the outer bark, so smooth and silvery, will never renew itself. So, even if death does not immediately follow, the beauty of the tree is gone, said Orra Parker Phelps in the Housekeeper.

Once I found a dead tree from which I was able to slip several feet of bark in rings. This only needed to be separated into convenient sizes, lined with light bottoms, sewed in place by raffia or sweet grass, and lifting lids attached, to make boxes ready to fill with Christmas sweets.

In making laurel wreathing or garlanding we have found that by taking small twigs, and winding one on to another, using light pliers and wire as binding, the wreathing makes very rapidly and easily.

When the white pine cones fall we gather bushels of them. And such treasures as the cones are! In the open fire they make a glorious blaze—fit background for wonderful fire castles—and as for kindlings they are absolutely unsurpassed.

Remembering that the two little cousins living on the Pacific coast once sent a barrel of the Western cones to a much loved poet, greatly to his delight, we tried sending a sack of cones, kyly done up with laurel, to a city friend who loves an open fire. In the very bottom was a small "chunk" with a paper bearing these words: "N. B.—This is a Yule Log." Another time an armful of the cone bearing branches of the red pine were sent to a friend.

But our especial Christmas gifts, the ones we send to the nearest and dearest, are our little Christmas trees. We take a day and go up to the mountain swamp where grew the cranberries, and there we choose wee, little shapely trees, getting them so far as we can from the deep shade of other trees, for these are doomed to an early death anyway. We fit each little spruce securely to a board, covering it with moss and trailing vines. Then we deck the tree. Of course the gifts must be tiny and varied to suit those to whom they go.

# This Lad Had a Real Christmas Tree

"THE question of how to meet the needs of the education we wanted our boy to have was with us from his birth, and it was my love of all kinds of trees which solved our problem," said the mother of a growing boy.

"He came near the Christmas season, and I wanted to do something to mark the wonderful event. My mind turned to trees. What could be more appropriate than to plant a tree and let this child of nature grow up with mine.

"Then came the thought. 'Why not choose a fruit tree, something that will yield a tangible profit to be laid aside as the beginning of a fund for the boy's education?' And so the plan took shape, and as we live in a warm climate, a fruit tree was planted each year on Christmas day for the little one.

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If you live where the climate prevents tree planting on Christmas day could you not give your son the privilege of a fruit tree, let it be planted when the proper season arrives?—Philadelphia Ledger

### Christmas Mystery Plays.

On their return from the Holy Land the pilgrims and crusaders brought new subjects for theatrical representation, founded on the objects of their devotion and incidents in their wars, and the early mysteries and other plays of Christmas, among them that of St. George and the dragon, which has survived to modern times, probably owe their origin to this period.


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## THE SOLDIERS' FATE.

Like the clap of a thunderbolt from a clear sky came the news of the execution of thirteen Negro soldiers of the Twenty-fourth Regiment, United States Infantry. Perhaps the carrying out of the finding of the Court Marshall, would not have been so staggering to the entire Negro race if the matter had not been kept so secretly, because everybody knows that the charges against the men were grave, yes, unusually so. No man, nor set of men, would commit such acts, unless they were driven to desperation or insanity. These are the facts that we are sure were taken into consideration by the Court.

The soldier in the uniform should honor the uniform. It signifies "selected to defend" and in wearing it, one should always remember what it represents, and not be easily offended just because he is a soldier.

The citizens of the community should remember and respect the men who wear the uniform of his country. But that is not the case of the colored man in some sections of this country; for the very appearance of a Negro wearing the uniform of the United States has more or less been the signal for assaults and attacks by civilians and soldiers.

It is to be regretted that the Negro was the first in America, to die at the hands of the government during this war, to say that the same fate would have been meted out to white soldiers for the same crime, no doubt is true, but when the contrast between the treatment of the white and colored soldiers by the people of that community is considered, one can readily see that it is almost impossible for white soldiers to commit such crimes.

"*Farewell Boys*" were the last words from the thirteen men of the "gallant" 24th whose lives a few moments later were a matter of history. They met their death for the cause they thought was right, not with fears and tremblings, but with a song in their mouth ever conscious that they had been driven to commit the awful crime, by the *prejudice white people of Texas.*

## DODGING RESPONSIBILITIES

Like the Zionists who have looked forward to the restoration of Palestine, just so have the American Negroes looked forward to and hoped that the heads of the American Government would some day demand the enforcement of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments.

For almost seven hundred years the Jews have prayed for the time to come when they could return to Palestine and the sacred City of Jerusalem.

For more than fifty years the Negroes of America have prayed and hoped that those provisions in the Constitution of the United States which mean so much to the race, would be enforced and carried out to the letter.

Not having a hand in the framing of the Constitution, the Negro has relied upon those who did frame to be courageous enough to see it carried out, the laws which they, themselves have made.

We herewith call attention to Section 1 of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, which reads as follows:

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law, nor deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

Is the United States Government enforcing this section of the Fourteenth Amendment which it declared adopted in 1868? No sane person can deny that discrimination is being practised against more than eleven million NATURAL citizens of the United States, while millions of NATURALIZED (?) citizens are given every right and every opportunity guaranteed by the Constitution.

If Negroes were good enough to make this country productive for the enriching of the whites. If he was submissive enough to allow himself to be held a slave for nearly three hundred years and remained thus until humanity hid her face and justice awoke and cried out. If he was human enough to forgive his oppressors and forget the untold misery and innumerable wrongs he had suffered. If he was brave enough to go on the battlefield and fight for the safety of his persecutors, at a time when his heart should have been filled with bitterness and hate, why then, is he not good enough now to enlist in the navy, the aviation corps and the many other branches of the Government, where there is an ever crying need for men? Can a man be expected to fight wholeheartedly when he is half-heartedly treated? If our Government fails to set the example as to the way its citizens should be treated what is to be expected of the rabble?

Clearly it can be seen that someone is dodging responsibilities and it is not the Negro.

## A BENEFACTOR

There are many things that are claiming our attention, time and money. The war has put the "pep" in even the children and everybody is anxious to do their bit.

The Colored people of this country owe their allegiance to one organization that has been true as steel to them; the organization that has fought their battles and has won a great victory. The organization that is still fighting and winning their political and civil rights. The organization that has been loyal to its purposes—the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Surely every Negro, men, women and children should join. The one thousand members asked for by the local branch is a very small number. St. Louis should have two-thousand members. *Do it now.*

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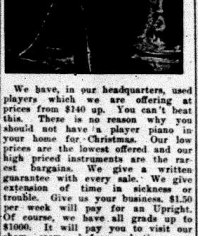

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*Of homeless winds is chidden by the bay*
*Sweet song by children who keep holiday,*
*Making the season's mood their very own.*
*And slowly, while I gaze and dream and grow*
*Less lonesome, to the sights and sounds of earth*
*Fade, and my fancy wanders to and fro*
*With a great master of lament and mirth,*
*Who waved his hand to gild the long ago.*

*A wondrous company! Micawber smiles*
*In spite of poverty, and Little Nell,*
*Too frail a flower, travels her weary miles,*
*Then tells on sleep, and David tries to tell*
*The trials of the young; now Pickwick's spell*
*Makes laughter easy; on a pinnacle*
*Of sacrifice sits Carton midst war's wiles.*

*Drolls, villains, gentlefolk of all degrees*
*Make populous the air, a hundred strong.*
*Last comes, as fits the season, Scrooge, his knees*
*A-tremble, till he harks the Christmas song*
*Of love and knows that spite and greed are wrong*
*And how that charity is more than these.*
*Master of human hearts! O Christmastide*
*Whose chants are not the sweeter and whose cheer*
*Is not more blest since Dickens lived and died!*
*The savor of his teachings makes each year*
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—*Richard Burton.*


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"One of my most valued gifts this past Christmas was one that money alone could not have bought," said Emily Wayne in the Philadelphia Ledger. "It was a pot of wild flowers and mosses which had been transplanted from the woods in the early fall and lovingly watched and tended until Christmas time. When the gift came to me the pot and saucer had been prettily decorated, and on the hepatica plants there were numerous buds, which blossomed, some on Christmas day and others later in the week. The gift still affords me daily delight. I have enjoyed those sweet purple and white hepatica blossoms far more than I should have any florist's roses, for I know that the plants were gathered and kept for me by one who understood how dearly I love the woods and the treasures found there."

## Her Santa Claus Letter

*SHE wrote a note to Santa Claus,*
*The queerest note that ever was;*
*'Twas simply but scrawls and dots and rings;*
*But, oh, it meant so many things!*
*For little girls, strange to be Here,*
*Want many things on Christmas eve.*
*She asked for dolls all dressed in blue,*
*And red and pink and purple, too;*
*She asked for dogs and cats and toys,*
*And instruments that make a noise;*
*She asked for candies, cakes and, things*
*And popcorn strung in lengthy strings.*
*She sent her note to Santa Claus,*
*The queerest note that ever was.*
*Her papa mailed it early so*
*'Twould surely off to Santa go.*
*'Twas naught but scrawls and dots and rings;*
*But, oh, it meant so many things!*

—*Joe Cone in Woman's Home Companion.*

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# SOCIETY

## AND LOCAL NOTES

Mrs. Emma Dickerson, 3310 Franklin, has been sick, but is improving.

Miss Emma Bruce, 34 S. Leonard, is quite ill.

Mr. Chas. S. Freeman of Peoria, has returned home after a visit in the city.

Mrs. Mamie Bassett, 3206 Lawton, has gone to Gary, Indiana, where Mr. Bassett has been some time.

Mrs. P. N. Ingram and son, Preston D., have spent a pleasant visit in Montgomery, Mo.

Miss Ada B. Moore of 3303 Pine, who has been very ill is much improved and will be pleased to have her friends call.

Miss Frances Thompson, 4051 West Belle, who has been visiting her father, in Nashville, Tenn., has returned home.

Mrs. Ann Slaughter, sister of Capt. C. H. Tandy of 1224 Bayard Ave., died in Toledo, Ohio, last Saturday.

Mrs. C. H. Brown, 1287 Sutor Ave., is the guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Median Brownfield, of Chicago. She will remain about ten days.

Mrs. Dora Jackson, 4326 Garfield, sister of Mrs. James H. Brown, 3304a LaSalle, has been sick over a week, but is improving.

Jno. Hammond, T. A. Crenshaw and Robt. Eaton are attending the meeting of the Pullman Porters Convention in Chicago, this week.

A very delightful afternoon party was given Saturday, Dec. 1st, by Miss Evadna Hoy of 4284 West Belle Pl., in honor of Mrs. Blanche Stevenson of San Francisco, Cal.

Mrs. Bertha Henderson of 2320 Pine St., had as her house guest the past week, Mrs. Ida Watkins and Mr. Eddie Jones of Pine Bluff, Ark.

Mrs. Blanche Stevenson of San Francisco, Cal., who has been the guest of Miss Evadna Hoy of 4284 West Belle Pl., left last Sunday for Chicago.

Pedro Tandy Perkins of 3134 Fair Ave., grandson of Capt. C. H. Tandy, died Wednesday morning Dec. 12th.

Mrs. Minnie Palmer of 2833a Lawton Ave., has returned home after a successful operation at Dr. Bailey's Sanitarium.

Mrs. Myra C. Batchman, mother of Mr. J. M. Batchman of 3027 Clark Ave., died Dec. 11th, at the age of 61 years. Interment at Danville, Ill.

Mrs. Marie Skyles 1530 Singleton St., entertained her two cousins, Misses Blanch Steward of Chicago and Alberta Busby of this city, Saturday Dec. 8th.

Mrs. Georgiana Cole, 2806 Lucas, died Saturday, Dec. 8 after six months' illness of tuberculosis. She leaves a daughter, Miss Letitia Cole, a Simmons school teacher, and one son, Felix, to mourn their loss.

Mrs. L. Norris of Chicago was called to the city on account of the death of her husband Mr. Fred Norris of 4161 West Belle Pl. While in the city she was the guest of her sister Mrs. R. H. Maupin, 3947 Finney Ave.

The regular monthly meeting of the Apollo Club was held at the residence of Maurice Grant, 4018 Cook Ave. Mr. Jas. W. Grant, "The Old Campaigner," was the guest of honor. Other guests were, Dr. O. Finley, Geo. Lewis, Jos. Wilkerson and Clem Jackson. The theme of the evening was, "The Houston Courtmartial."

Mrs. Lulu Brown of 2954 Clark and Mrs. Thos. Eldridge of 3341 Hickory St., were quietly married at the home of the bride's cousin, 2954 Clark, Dec. 8. A grand wedding supper was served by the bride's cousin, Mrs. James Hunter. The bride was beautifully gowned in white silk net with bead trimmings. Many beautiful presents were received. They will reside for a short time at 2954 Clark Ave.

The Pioneer New Thought Club will meet next Sunday from 5 to 6:30 p.m., at 6126 Minerva Ave., subject for discussion: "Staying Married," subject of topic, "The Problem of Childless Marriage." The marriage which has resulted in birth of children, and courtship after marriage. The public is invited.

Mrs. Obie B. Reynaud, 4204 Cote Brilliante, was hostess to the Phendelma Girls Club, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 8, at which time formal announcement was made of the engagement of Miss Pearl Beatrice Cass to Mr. Clarence H. Riddle, a wedding will be Jan. 26. The decorations were of the holiday season. Each guest found attached to a place card a tiny cupid which was drawn from a large Santa bag forming a center piece with the name of the affianced couple. Miss Cass is a public school teacher and is considered exceptionally handsome. Mr. Riddle is in the postal service.

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The Melrose Art Club met at the residence of Mrs. S. Sims, 3145 Laclede Ave., Friday Dec. 7th. After two hours of crocheting and knitting the president Mrs. Bell Duvall called the club to order to make arrangements for our Christmas party to be given Thursday, Dec. 27, at the residence of Mrs. Julia Alexander, 3445 Pine. After business was over the hostess served a delicious luncheon. The next meeting will be Friday, Dec. 21, with the residence of Mrs. Julia Alexander and we hope every member will be present as it is the last meeting in this year. Mrs. Bell Duvall, president; Mrs. Julia Alexander, secretary; Mrs. Marie Burton, reporter.

The Married Ladies' Needle Club at the residence of Mrs. Nellie Morgan, 4061 Finney Ave., at 2:30 p.m., Dec. 7, with fourteen members present. Mrs. Robt. Ransom being elected president finishing the election of officers. The club spent the usual time in crocheting and knitting for the soldiers, after which the hostess served a delicious repast. The next meeting will be Dec. 21st, at the residence of Mrs. Robt. Ransom, 3619 Cozens Ave. Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Priess and Mrs. Bush were reported on the sick list. Mrs. Robt. Ransom, president; Mrs. Marie Curtis, secretary; Mrs. H. R. Richardson, reporter.

### CARONDELET NOTES

We are having real old time winter weather, like they had when mother was a girl. Good sleigh riding for the children.

Carondelet was well represented at the Y. W. C. A., last Saturday night at the "Indoor Circus," with the Boys' Band, also a flag drill by pupils of Delany School, under the direction of Miss R. L. Harris. Their leader little Miss Etta Anderson was indeed good. Three cheers for Delany, Delany the most modern school of the times.

Mr. Moses White was buried from Corinthian Baptist Church last Friday morning, at 10 o'clock. He was one of Corinthian's charter members highly respected and well thought of. We extend our sincerest sympathy to the widow.

We have just received the sad intelligence of the death of Mrs. Martha Stricklin, the aunt of Mr. J. R. Steele who died at their home on Vermont Ave.

Little Clara Stanton is out of school owing to illness.

Mr. Wm. E. Officer is indisposed at this writing.

### Y. W. C. A. NOTES

The true "Circus Spirit" reigned in the gymnasium of the Wheatley Branch Y. W. C. A., Saturday evening. Clowns, acrobats and dancers were in every march in evidence. Too much cannot be said in praise of the splendid work of the Social Committee, under the leadership of Miss Rose Harris, who worked up this successful affair. The Delaney group deserves special mention for the ease and grace with which their drill was given. It is hoped that this entertainment can be repeated in the spring.

Red Cross Sewing continues daily. Every patriotic woman is invited to do knitting for the soldiers Thursday evenings at the "Y." Instruction and material furnished free.

Military tactics, under the direction of General Wm. Butler, will be conducted in the Gymnasium Saturday afternoon for girls.

Dr. Wm. H. Peck will bring the message at the Vesper Hour Sunday afternoon at 4:45. Good music and the public is invited.

The calendar for the coming week includes a piano recital to be given by pupils of that department, Friday evening December 21st at 8 o'clock under the direction of Miss Myrtle A. Burgess. All interested in piano are cordially invited.

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### MADAM BESSIE PAGE MARRIES

Information has reached the Argus office of the marriage of Mrs. Bessie Page to Mr. Chas. T. Rhoda. Mr. and Mrs. Rhoda are now located in Nashville, Tenn.

The marriage of Miss Julia Price and Mr. Albert Holman, was solemnized Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Price, 1901 Alby Street, Alton, Ill. The bride's dress was white satin trimmed with silver lace, she carried a bunch of white carnations. Her sister, Miss Bernice Price acted as bride's maid, her dress consisted of white satin with gold lace. Guests from out of the city were, Mr. Henry Price and Miss Minnie Price, both of Chicago. Miss Bessie Price and Mr. H. W. McClain of this city. she also carried carnations. The home was decorated in ferns and palms.

Miss Heloise Simpson, popular young lady of Chicago and a granddaughter of Mrs. James H. Brown, 3304a LaSalle, will be married this week.

## DEATHS of the WEEK

Mamie Woods, 2614 Baldwin.....29
Jake Cavette, 2618 Stoddard.....61
William McCaskill, 2222 Lucas.....65
Mary Steward, 2604 Morgan.....38
Luella Dowd, 4305 N. Market.....23
Mary Morrell, 19 So. 10th.....15
Mary Rolen .....54
Henry Holmes, 1616 Gay .....52
Edward Gasway, 9747 Riverview Drive .....16
Myra C. Batchman, 3027 Clark.....61
Pedro Perkins, 3134 Fair Ave.....1
Andrew Womack, Kinloch Park, Mo.....51
Mary Simmons, 1306 Biddle (rear)..42
Mason West, 3137 Morgan .....23
Leroy C. Dickson, 2716a Wash.....19
Wyatt Benett, 923 High.....48
Leatha Mann, 3227 Lucas (rear)...46
Georgia Cole, 2806 Lucas .....37
Jefferson Taylor, Brooklyn, Ill.....37
James W. Jackson, Webster Groves, Mo.....3
Charles Williams, 2824 Market.....29
Martha Stricklin, 6126 Vermont..75
James Gaines, 123 Poplar.....42
Laura Cooper, 1129 S. Compton...63
Maria White, 4408 Cottage.....102
Mary Harris, 3000 Pine.....76
Francis Hunt, 2224 Wash .....47
John W. Irving, 4109a Fairfax.....47
Dock Shempard, 2845 Morgan.....30
Mabel Wea, 1310 Baron .....37
Elmer Robinson, 1321 Gay .....31
Ben Anderson, 3326 Gay .....47
Henry Johnson, 1416 Papin.....35
James Harris, 2307 St. Charles....39
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## How Animals Figure In Christmas Customs

THE Christmas customs in Norway and Sweden are the most interesting of any country. It is time of great rejoicing. To show that there are friendly feelings between every one in the household the shoes are placed in a row in the hall when retiring on Christmas eve, and, like the German custom, candles are left burning in the village windows all night to light the way for "Kristina," who brings the gifts. The Christmas tree is largely decorated with candles and pretty cakes arranged in bright colored baskets, all usually home made.

The richer households send good things to the poor, and everywhere among both rich and poor are the animals and birds remembered, says Our Dumb Animals. The boys and girls save up their pennies during the year for this purpose. Sheaves of grain are fastened to the window ledges in town, and in the country the sheaves are fastened to long poles and renewed every day for a week, and many are the birds that get this feast. On the barn floors of the peasants bowls of hot porridge are set for poor "Robin Goodfellow" to comfort him because he has lost his wood. The cows and the horses share in the general happiness by having a double share of food given them.

It is a big skip from the northland to the southland or tropical countries where Christmas is celebrated without the evergreen tree to decorate and hang gifts on. In Brazil the holiday may be spent outdoors in the sunny flower scented air.

They have quaint superstitions in these summer lands relative to Yuletide. On the coffee plantations the old folk say that on Christmas night the animals have the gift of speech and that if only a child has sufficient courage to go out alone after dark it will hear on the stroke of 12 the cock crow in a loud, clear voice from his highest perch:

"Christo nasceu"—Christ is born.

The bull in a deep, sonorous bass inquires from a distant field, "Onde" —where?

The sheep then answer in chorus, "Em Belem de Juda"—in Bethlehem of Judea.

In turn all the domestic animals give to the world the glad tidings of the Nativity. Many a child wishes it had the courage necessary to enable him to spend midnight outdoors and hear this wonderful conversation of the brute creation.

## Christmas Pie Has Long Family History

HAPPY the Christmas reveler who has a digestion to tackle the Christmas pie. The modern faddist in diet is trying to rule out the plum pudding and the mince from the Christmas feast.

Shame on him! Better a night of groaning to the few than a ban on a time honored custom for the many. Lay in a stock of soda mint, pepsin and salt water. Be sporty and take chances on the plummy goody.

First it was old Santa under a ban—a dreary world it would be without Santa Claus—now it is the toothsome mince pie bulging with raisins, flaky of crust and rydolent of burning brandy.

Truly the modern progressive who lives by rule is akin to the old Puritan to whom the Christmas pie was an abomination savoring of heresy. Indeed the Roundhead had more excuse for his abstinence; it was a test of orthodoxy. He felt his morals would be injured by eating a pie whose savory contents were typical of offerings of the Magi and whose form was often that of a manger.

The Christmas pie is of ancient and honorable lineage, and its name of "mince pie" came centuries later, being given in derision by the Puritans. Are we such weaklings that what our ancestors have thrived on for centuries will slay us in one eating? Surely the stomach specialist, that product of modernity, must have slipped up.

Our grandparents did not go to the mouse trap cheese of the Christmas pie in fear and trembling. Boldly they swallowed huge hunks, not on Christmas day only, but during the entire season of Christmas, unto Twelfth Night. Was it not writ, "As many different houses as thou shalt eat mince pie during Christmastide so many happy months shalt thou have during the year"?

And they began the mixing of that Christmas pie early and with great ceremony. It was a gala occasion when the plum pudding was to be stirred and each member of the household down to the infant in arms must have a turn at the spoon.—Philadelphia Press.

### In the Days of '61-'65.

"Christmas mornings in the Civil war days," says the veteran, "were generally spent in reading letters. After dinner the men indulged in sports, particularly prize fights, and then in the evening they gathered together and sang the wartime songs and told stories of the Christmases before the fighting began. It wasn't all chorus singing, either, for we had some good soloists in the line, and our company actors showed their abilities by reciting or rehearsing the plays they had seen while on furlough."

## Good King Wenceslas

### A Christmas Carol of Long Ago

*GOOD King Wenceslas looked out*
*On the feast of Stephen,*
*And the snow lay round about,*
*Deep and crisp and even.*

*Brightly shone the moon that night,*
*Though the frost was cruel;*
*When a poor man came in sight*
*Gath'ring winter fuel.*

*First Singer:*
*"Hither, page, come stand by me,*
*If thou know'st it, telling,*
*Yonder peasant, who is he?*
*Where and what his dwelling?"*

*Second Singer:*
*"Sire, he lives a good league hence,*
*Down beneath the mountain,*
*Close against the forest fence*
*By St. Agnes' fountain."*

*First Singer:*
*"Bring me flesh and bring me wine,*
*Bring me pine logs hither;*
*Thou and I, we'll see him dine*
*When we bear them thither."*

*Second Singer:*
*"Sire, the night is darker now,*
*And the storm grows wilder,*
*Fails my heart, I know not how*
*I can go on longer."*

*First Singer:*
*"Mark my steps, be brave, my page;*
*Tread thou in them boldly;*
*Then thou'lt find the winter's rage*
*Freeze thy blood less coldly."*

*Page and monarch on they went,*
*On they went together.*
*Through the rude wind's wild lament,*
*Through the bitter weather.*

*In his master's steps he trod,*
*Where the snow lay dinted;*
*That was in the very sod*
*Which his foot had printed.*

*Therefore, Christian men, be sure,*
*Wealth or rank possessing,*
*Ye who now do bless the poor*
*Shall yourselves find blessing.*

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### LESSON FOR DECEMBER 16

### NEHEMIAH ENFORCES THE LAW OF THE SABBATH.

LESSON TEXT—Nehemiah 13:15-22.

GOLDEN TEXT—Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.—Exod. 20:8.

Nehemiah remained in Jerusalem twelve years, from B. C. 444 to B. C. 432. He was then recalled and was in Persia some years, perhaps five or seven, but returned about B. C. 425, the year Artaxerxes died, for we know that he returned by permission of that king. Therefore, the date of this lesson would be sometime in the summer or early autumn of 426 or 427 B. C., 16 or 18 years following last Sunday's lesson.

In the section, vv. 10-14, we see that the gifts for the house of God and the Levites, who led in worship, had been neglected. Whenever the house of God and its service of worship is neglected, we may expect that the Sabbath day and the worship of God will also soon fall into contempt. Ezra has dropped out of our history without a him as to his end.

I. "Remember" (v. 14) the Neglect of God's House. (vv. 1-14). The neglect of God's house grew up out of the incursion of heathenism into Jewish life. Nehemiah realized that the purity of the race depended upon absolute separation from the mixed multitude. (v. 3). Nehemiah also confronted the difficulty of having a priest (vv. 4, 5), who had defiled himself and also desecrated the temple, and finally the portion for the support of the priest and the temple worship had been withheld. (v. 10).

II. "Remember" (v. 12) the Sabbath Day. (vv. 15-22). Nehemiah's next and most difficult reform was regarding the fourth commandment. He at once set about to learn the facts; then relates what he saw (v. 15). The record also tells how he testified against them in that they were selling merchandise on the Sabbath day. He contended with the nobles that they had done evil on the Sabbath day. (v. 17). He testified against them that the merchants and sellers of ware had lodged about and within Jerusalem. (vv. 20, 21). The root of the trouble with Judah was that they forgot God's word and followed the devices and desires of their own hearts. The Jewish Sabbath in its outward form on the exact day of the week is not binding upon Gentile Christians (Col. 2:16, 17). It was given to Israel as a people. (Deut. 5:1, 2), as a memorial of their deliverance out of the land of Egypt and the house of bondage. (Deut. 5:6). The Christian, by the death of Christ, is made dead to the letter of the law of Moses. (Deut. 7:4), but the principle of the Sabbath is older than even the law of Moses and is as binding upon the Christian believer as are the many other principles which underlie the Mosaic law. In its exact form, the seventh day, the observance of the Sabbath belongs to the old order and not to the Christian order. Christ, who rose from the dead (Rom. 7:4), rose on the first day of the week, and we, as joined to Christ, are not under obligations to the Mosaic law, but to Christ. Therefore, the Lord's day, the resurrection day, the first day of the week, (Rev. 1:10; John 21:20; 1:19-26; Acts 27), is the day of privilege, not of obligation and is more sacred to us than the Sabbath day of these Jews. The Jews in Nehemiah's time showed their contempt of the Lord's day by making it a day of profit, hence this exhortation which we see set forth in this section. This should be a warning and an exhortation to us in these days of a secularized Sabbath.

III. "Remember" (v. 29) the Holy Priesthood. (vv. 23-31). In this section we see that the priesthood had even defiled themselves, with women, and again this Nehemiah entered upon a cleansing process. (vv. 30-31). The use of this word "remember" in verses 14, 22 and 29 gives strong emphasis to the three cardinal sins against which Nehemiah was battling.

IV. Summary: As in Nehemiah's time, so now, Sabbath desecration is the surest road to national ruin, and a large proportion of our present calamity can be traced to growing irreverence for the Lord's day. Jesus swept away the cobwebs of Sabbath irreverence, but did not tear down the house. He kept the principle, but removed the barnacles with which the Pharisees and Jews had encumbered it. Jesus taught that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath. (Mark 2:27, 28), and he set himself as an example in this regard, for he is Lord of that day as well as the other days of the week.

The Sabbath is a day of rest and if observed, workmen without exception will produce more than is possible if it is not observed.

The chief value of the Sabbath, however, is in connection with the worship of God. The feeding of the spiritual nature; the rest which is to be differentiated from mere holiday or pleasure; its need for adult and child life; its educational value; its opportunity for Christian service and exhaltation of family relations, all show it to have been created to fill a real need and to manifest the wisdom and goodness of God.

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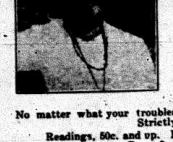

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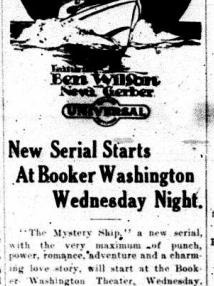


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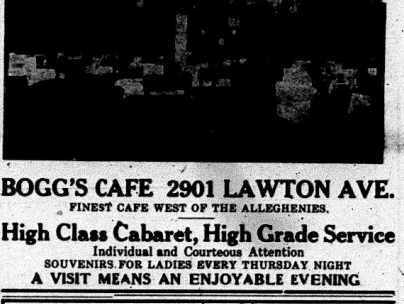

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